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MISCELLANEOUS ACTION

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on June 25, 2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s):

First, the amendment to the claims is improper as filed, particularly since changes have been made by bracketing and underlining but no clean version of the claims has been provided. The active version of the claims is the clean version filed March 21, 2002 (paper no. 7). Any changes since that version should be submitted using the current accepted format which includes using underlining for insertions and strike-through for deletions. All of the claims should be submitted with each claim including a status identifier. It is emphasized that changes to the claims should be made with respect to the active version of the claims (i.e., the version filed March 21, 2002).

Second, the amendment to the specification filed March 21 2003 (paper no. 7) remains improper because the changes have not been submitted using either of the accepted formats. An amendment to the specification should be submitted in the current accepted format which includes replacement paragraphs using underlining for insertions and strike-through for deletions. It is emphasized that changes to the specification should be made with respect to the active version of the specification (i.e., the originally-filed version).

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If applicant has any questions, applicant is urged to contact the Examiner at the telephone number listed below.

See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Clark Dexter whose telephone number is (703) 308-1404. The examiner's typical work schedule is Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, and he can be reached during normal business hours on these days.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mr. Allan Shoap, can be reached at (703)308-1082.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-1148. The fax numbers Technology Center 3700 are: after-final responses - (703)872-9303; other formal/official papers - (703)872-9302. The fax number for informal/draft papers - (703)305-9835.



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